as per Drugs (Prices Control), 1995 (DPCO, 95). The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has collected data on trade margin being offered by the manufacturers to the retailers for a limited sample. It was noted that some manufacturers had offered high margin to the retailers. However, the market share of such medicines was small.

Cleansing of Union Carbide factory soil and environment

1815. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:
SHRI BALAWANT alias BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had been called upon by the Union Carbide Corporation of the US on a direction of the New York Court; to give a No-objection Certificate for the Corporation to undertake cleansing of the Union Carbide factory, soil and environment, by 30th July, 2004;

(b) if so, whether the NOC has since been issued; and

(c) what directions have been given to the Union Carbide Corporation in this regard and the steps since taken to cleanse the soil and the environment?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) So far, no such request has been received from the Union Carbide Corporation by the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals.

Pricing of urea fertilizers

†1816. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the rates of secondary freight of urea;

(b) if so, by when a decision would be taken in this regard;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government propose to bring urea under the category of uncontrolled fertilizers; and

(d) if so, by when a decision would be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present to review the rates of secondary freight for urea manufacturing units.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal at present for the price decontrol of urea.

Recommendations of Committee on foodgrain export

1817. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the report of the high level Committee on foodgrain export headed by the Chairman, FCI, emphasizes to venture into direct grain exports;

(b) if so, the full details of the recommendations made by the Committee; and

(c) the action that has been contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise,

Wheat and rice stock

1818. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the present stock position of wheat and rice as on 1st July, 2004;